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SENATE BILL 5854

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to annual increases in retirement allowances; and
- 2 amending RCW 41.40.197 and 41.32.489.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.40.197 and 1995 c 345 s 5 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) Beginning July 1, 1995, and annually thereafter, the retirement 7 allowance of a person meeting the requirements of this section shall be
- 8 increased by the annual increase amount.
- 9 (2) The following persons shall be eligible for the benefit 10 provided in subsection (1) of this section:
- 11 (a) A beneficiary who has received a retirement allowance for at
- 12 least one year ((and has attained at least age sixty-six by July 1st in
- 13 the calendar year in which the annual increase is given)) by July 1st
- 14 in the calendar year in which the annual increase is given; or
- 15 (b) A beneficiary whose retirement allowance is lower than the
- 16 minimum benefit provided under RCW 41.40.1984.
- 17 (3) The following persons shall also be eligible for the benefit
- 18 provided in subsection (1) of this section:

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- 1 (a) A beneficiary receiving the minimum benefit on June 30, 1995,
- 2 under RCW 41.40.198; or
- 3 (b) A recipient of a survivor benefit on June 30, 1995, which has 4 been increased by RCW 41.40.325.
- 5 (4) If otherwise eligible, those receiving an annual adjustment 6 under RCW 41.40.188(1)(c) shall be eligible for the annual increase
- 7 adjustment in addition to the benefit that would have been received
- 8 absent this section.
- 9 (5) Those receiving a benefit under RCW 41.40.220(1), or a survivor
- 10 of a disabled member under RCW 41.44.170(5) shall be eligible for the
- 11 benefit provided by this section.
- 12 (6) The legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal this
- 13 section in the future and no member or beneficiary has a contractual
- 14 right to receive this postretirement adjustment not granted prior to
- 15 that time.
- 16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.32.489 and 1995 c 345 s 2 are each amended to read 17 as follows:
- 18 (1) Beginning July 1, 1995, and annually thereafter, the retirement
- 19 allowance of a person meeting the requirements of this section shall be
- 20 increased by the annual increase amount.
- 21 (2) The following persons shall be eligible for the benefit
- 22 provided in subsection (1) of this section:
- 23 (a) A beneficiary who has received a retirement allowance for at
- 24 least one year ((and has attained at least age sixty-six by July 1st in
- 25 the calendar year in which the annual increase is given)) by July 1st
- 26 <u>in the calendar year in which the annual increase is given;</u> or
- 27 (b) A beneficiary whose retirement allowance is lower than the
- 28 minimum benefit provided under RCW 41.32.4851.
- 29 (3) The following persons shall also be eligible for the benefit
- 30 provided in subsection (1) of this section:
- 31 (a) A beneficiary receiving the minimum benefit on June 30, 1995,
- 32 under RCW 41.32.485; or
- 33 (b) A recipient of a survivor benefit on June 30, 1995, which has
- 34 been increased by RCW 41.32.575.
- 35 (4) If otherwise eligible, those receiving an annual adjustment
- 36 under RCW 41.32.530(1)(d) shall be eligible for the annual increase
- 37 adjustment in addition to the benefit that would have been received
- 38 absent this section.

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- 1 (5) Those receiving a temporary disability benefit under RCW 2 41.32.540 shall not be eligible for the benefit provided by this 3 section.
- 4 (6) The legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal this 5 section in the future and no member or beneficiary has a contractual 6 right to receive this postretirement adjustment not granted prior to 7 that time.

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